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## A Matter of Viewpoint

### Someone Else Gets Hurt And That Changes Things

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

We know from nothing about golf, but we have heard it said that a good golfer always keeps his eye on the ball. In spearheading the Sons of Italy's campaign to "defend the good name of the Italian people," the Order's National Public Relations Committee has not once lost sight of

the most important facet in our attack. This is the incontrovertible fact that television and Hollywood has tampered with history and in so doing has brainwashed a generation which is accepting fiction for fact. Repeatedly we have tried to point out this fact to our members; repeatedly we have warned our readers to "keep their eyes on the ball." A great many, we know, have not kept their eyes on the ball. Rather they have allowed themselves to be distracted by the by-products that inevitably stem from any campaign or line of attack like ours.

**MARCELLO** Many have been influenced by the writers and producers who beat their breasts in indignation at anyone who would dare to say that they have tampered with history. Television has stoutly maintained that the industry has only been following the script as laid down by Elliott Ness's memoirs.

#### Entertainment That Has No Respect For The Truth

But this is just so much hogwash. And this we have maintained right along. But ours has been a voice in the wilderness. That is, up to recent weeks. Now a great many persons are beginning to see the TV series, "The Untouchables" for what they really are — entertainment that has no respect for the truth.

It all boils down to whose foot the shoe pinches. Witness the clamor that has followed in the wake of the two-part melodrama dramatizing the death of former Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak.

Chicago apparently does not like it one bit. Janet Kern, a columnist for the Chicago American, charges that the TV series slanders the city of Chicago. Because of what this columnist has to say we are carrying in full her article on page 3 of this edition. We urge you to read it because it bolsters what we have been saying right along — that "The Untouchables" is not based on fact, but is out and out fiction of the cheapest variety.

Quinn Martin, the executive producer for the series, practically admits as much in a special article in a recent edition of the TV GUIDE.

We quote Mr. Martin:

"There is . . . a certain amount of dramatic license.

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## "An Unfortunate Phrase"

### Riesel's Change of Heart

By ALBERT A. MAINO

WORCESTER, Mass.—A newspaper columnist who has periodically used the word "Mafia" in his syndicated articles apparently has had a change of heart.

Victor Riesel, the crusading labor columnist, in a speech before the Brotherhood of Beth Israel Synagogue termed the use of "the word Mafia as unfortunate."

Riesel who was blinded in 1958 when a hoodlum threw acid in his eyes cautioned the American public against the loose use of the word "Mafia."

"There has been a tendency on my part to use the word

"Mafia," he said. "It's an unfortunate phrase because it identifies, in the mind of the American public, the Italian people with corruption.

"It would be as dirty as to identify all murder with the Jews because of Lepke . . . or all crime with the Irish because of 'Legs' Diamond or Dan O'Banion."

Riesel, whose "Inside Labor" appears in many newspapers throughout the country, described the workings of crime syndicates in this country.

He described rackets in large cities as all leading to one nation-

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## NATIONAL HOME CHAIRMAN IN PHILADELPHIA

John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., second from right, national home chairman, is greeted in Philadelphia by John P. Crisconi, state home fund chairman and commissioner of the Delaware River Port Authority. Volpe was a speaker at a banquet highlighting a two-day meeting of the Pennsylvania Grand Council. From left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Dr. Edgardo Sogno Rata del Vallino, Italian consul general in Philadelphia, Commissioner Crisconi, Volpe and Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, toastmaster and deputy chairman of the home fund drive.

## Philadelphia Members Donate \$1500

PHILADELPHIA — National Home Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., received contributions totalling \$1500 at the Grand Council banquet held in the Sons of Italy ballroom.

Commissioner John P. Crisconi, of the Delaware River Port Authority, and state home fund drive chairman, presented the national chairman with a check for \$500.

A second \$500 contribution to the fund was made by Mrs. Crisconi.

Armand Della Porta, venerable

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April 24

### Ontario Grand Lodge Plans Conference

TORONTO, Ont. — The Grand Lodge of Ontario will hold a conference of all venerables and committee chairmen April 24 at the Casa Dante in Welland.

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano of Toronto will preside. Grand Administrative Secretary Mrs. Josephine Lavey of Welland is in charge of arrangements.

The conference is being held to instruct committee chairmen and venerables of the 15 lodges with their respective duties.

Heads of the following committees will attend: public relations, ritual and by-laws, membership, citizenship and immigration, and education and scholarship.

## Pennsylvania Council

### Backs 5-Point Program

PHILADELPHIA — The Pennsylvania Grand Council has endorsed the five-point program which was approved by the Supreme Executive Committee in the campaign to defend and uphold the "good name" of Americans of Italian origin.

The action was taken at the two-day sessions of the Grand Council held in the Sons of Italy building.

The Council also approved the recommendation of the Supreme Executive Committee, which met in Providence, R. I., in February, to continue the Order's boycott against sponsors of the American Broadcasting Company's television program "The Noise of Death" which was part of "The Untouchables" series.

The sponsors are, Luden's Cough Drops, Armour and Co., Johnson and Johnson, and Tums.

#### Highlights

Highlight of the two-day meetings was a banquet arranged by

the Venerables Committee of Philadelphia.

Speakers included John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman of the Memorial Home fund drive, and Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

Volpe interrupted his campaign as candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Massachusetts to visit Philadelphia to explain the reasons for having a Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

He said it was "essential" for the Order to locate in the nation's capital, pointing out that a large number of national fra-

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## New Jersey Lodge Honors Gimino

UNION CITY, N. J. — Past Supreme Venerable Frank J. V. Gimino, assistant prosecutor of Jersey City was honored by members of Union City Lodge No. 1938 at its annual dinner held at Cooperative Hall.

Brother Gimino was presented the lodge's certificate of merit for "exemplary accomplishments which reflects credit and honor

(Highlights of Dr. Orrico's talk will be found on page 8.)

upon Americans of Italian origin."

Speakers included Venerable A. Michael Lopore, former police magistrate, Dr. Alphonso J. Orrico, director of Psychology of the Hudson County Hospital for Mental Diseases, who was toastmaster and made the presentation, and Past Supreme Venerable Gimino.

In accepting the citation, Gimino said he appreciated the award more than any he had



GIMINO

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# The Director's Desk

A great many letters reach our desk in the course of a month. These are letters from members of the Order, readers of OSIA NEWS.

Any newspaperman will tell you that these letters are quite important to the editor responsible for the policy of his newspapers. These letters in essence are a listening post for the editor. They tell him what his readers are thinking about — how they feel about the newspaper and the material it publishes.

Ever since the inception of OSIA NEWS we have paid particular attention to these letters. We have been guided in our job by what our readers say in their letters to us.

## Letters on Order's Campaign

We have been quite gratified by a number of letters which have reached us in recent months. Most of these letters have been concerned with the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people." It is not always possible, of course, to answer all these letters. Much to our regret we do not have the time nor the facilities to do so. However, we do want our readers to know that we appreciate these letters, especially those letters which tell us how our membership is reacting to the Order's campaign.

Typical of these letters is one we received from Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria of New Jersey.

Brother Palleria brought to our attention a chapter in a book written by Harry Golden, that remarkable newspaper editor who publishes a newspaper deep in the heart of the South.

Golden's book was published in 1958 and the chances are many of our readers are familiar with it.

On a number of occasions we have pointed out, however, that good things will bear repeating. Brother Palleria writes that what Golden has to say in his book, "Only in America," might be of some help in the Order's "strenuous campaign."

The chapter in question is entitled "The Italian-Americans."

We are publishing in full what Golden has to say on the chance it may prompt our readers to take a second hard look at what we are trying to do.

## Here is What Golden Said About Italian-Americans

Here in full is what Golden wrote about the Italian-Americans in his book, "Only in America":

"I was reading an article about Carmine DeSapio, the boss of Tammany Hall, a highly favorable piece of Harper's. I thought of something when I read of this Italian politician. Has any group in this country, since the very beginning, had a worse press than the Italians?

"I doubt it.

"Their bootleggers and mobsters (no more and no less in number than others) have been spread across the front pages for years and years. In crime books and in radio and TV dramas the Italian has become a stereotype for the gangster and the mobster.

"This, of course is not only unfair, but untrue.

"Yet what makes it remarkable is that the Italians do nothing about it. They have no organized 'press relations' or 'defense' groups. They just go along eating good spaghetti, singing 'Ole Sole Mio,' and becoming leaders of Tammany Hall."

## Letter From Supreme Trustee Candela

Another letter of interest to reach us in recent days was one from Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Brother Candela brought to our attention an incident which occurred in Ashtabula at the time the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council was meeting in Providence, R. I.

The daily newspaper, The Star-Beacon of Ashtabula, carried a letter on its editorial page written by a so-called "Dominic Crescentini." This was a vicious letter libelling men and women of Italian origin. The letter brought all sorts of reaction.

The Ohio Order took official action through Grand Recording Secretary Gilbert Martello. A letter by Brother Martello protesting the publication of the "Crescentini letter," was published by The Star-Beacon.

At the time of the publication of Martello's letter, however, no comment was made by the editor of The Star-Beacon.

At the request of Ohio brethren, the National Public Relations Chairman of the Order, wrote to the editor of The Star-Beacon. We did not receive a reply to our letter.

Brother Candela's recent letter, however, cleared up a number of points. Accompanying Candela's letter was a copy of a letter he wrote to the publisher, D. C. Rowley and also a copy of Rowley's answer.

## The Star-Beacon Publisher's Letter

Publisher Rowley in his answer to Brother Candela apologized for publishing the "Crescentini letter."

Here in part is what Rowley had to say:

"... Editors of the Star-Beacon, being human, erred in their judgment in the handling of this particular matter (the Crescentini Letter). It is contrary to our policy to foster racial

# 'The Untouchables' Slander Chicago, Writer Charges

(Editor's note: It does make a difference whose foot the shoe pinches. Witness the clamor in Chicago stemming from the American Broadcasting Company's TV version of the assassination of Chicago's Mayor Cermak in Miami, Fla., in February 1933. A columnist for the Chicago American cries "slander" in a recent column which we are publishing in full.)

Why isn't it just as illegal and punishable to commit libel, slander and character defamation against a city as against an individual? Why doesn't the federal government, which becomes so upset over quiz show coaching, work up a similar lather over TV "fact"-based dramatizations that are uncontaminated by fact?

Among the worst offenders (of whom TV has an army) are the powers behind the ABC-TV Desilu series, *The Untouchables*, now presenting a two part melodrama purporting to dramatize the death of former Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak.

Cermak died in Miami, shot by a Florida psychopath bent on assassinating President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The word Chicago is irresistible to the laborers in TV's cops 'n' robbers vineyards of California (where "ratpacks" make the streets thoroly unsafe) and of New York (where Central Park is off-limits to citizens because more muggings than flowers bloom there.)

But, to perpetrators of *The Untouchables*, the use of Chicago's name reaches ridiculous heights.

Thus, their story of the attempt of a Florida man on the life of a New Yorker soon to be President has its beginning in the offices of the syndicate in CHICAGO!

Discussing the ignoring of facts, one newsman said:

"In a story like that, you've got to have some facts! But they presented Chicago as a frontier town—no western ever had one so wild—on Thursday's *Untouchables*, and no western ever had so much shooting.

"They had the hoods shooting at Cermak in a Chicago restaurant, an incident that never took place. They had Elliott Ness as his bodyguard, but Ness was an FBI man and had nothing to do with the mayor.

"They had Ness running in to warn

as well as other prejudices. We hold in great contempt injustice. I believe our record over many, many years bears this out.

"I personally investigated this particular letter to the editor and its handling. We would like to know who Dominic Crescentini is and what his motives were.

"Please accept our sincere apologies."

In his letter to the National Public Relations chairman, Supreme Trustee Candela asks:

"Please let me know if this work, that is being done here in Ohio, meets with the approval of the public relations committee."

Yes, Brother Candela this is exactly the type of action that should be taken by more and more members of the Order. Because by your quick action in this matter you, Brother Candela, helped to nail down a "big" lie.

For the benefit of our readers it should be pointed out that Dominic Crescentini, in signing his letter to the Star-Beacon, identified himself as a "traveling salesman of Chicago." It is obvious that this is a phoney name, that the letter was written by some misguided individual, who signed the letter with an Italian name in an attempt to show that we are not united in our campaign.

Cermak to get on the floor: "There's going to be a shooting here in two minutes..."

The situation is not funny. A nation got riled up because quiz show contestants were coached but the information they did spout in their memorized replies was factual!

Here, a TV show is reconstructing history — a documented attempt to assassinate the President-elect of the United States. But the producers tell the new generation it was an offshoot of a mythical crime kingdom called "Chicago." Instead of a madman trying to kill a President, it shows a crime syndicate trying to get rid of a stumbling block in the mayor's office.

Chicago had nothing to do with the death in Florida of Anton Cermak except that he was the city's mayor. The syndicate had nothing to do with putting Cermak in the line of a bullet aimed at Roosevelt.

It is a pity Chicago and her citizens do not have recourse to the courts via slander suits, and collect heavy damage.

But, even without the protection of slander laws, Chicago is the second largest city in the United States. It is the hub of the nation's industry, transportation, and food supply. It is a vital market for the goods that ABC-TV, Desilu, and show sponsors are trying to sell.

I'd like to see the officials of WBKB, the local management of ABC-TV, have the courage to blank out the second episode of *The Untouchables* this week and substitute a sign:

"This show is not being carried because it is an insult to Chicago."

If Chicagoans would not patronize such shows, the depleted pocketbooks of sponsors and networks would imbue them with the honesty that decent people possess.

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If we have a scene in which a Lepke is talking to Schultz, for instance, we naturally have to make up the dialogue. We try to stick to the facts as closely as possible, but we can't let facts steer us away from our primary purpose — which is dramatic entertainment . . ."

And witness this gem culled from the same TV GUIDE:

"One instance of dramatic license got Martin and Desilu in a spot of hot water. They did the story of the bringing to earth of Ma Barker and her bankrobbing sons, an operation that actually had been handled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not Ness and his crew, and the FBI was upset."

### What More Proof

What more proof do we need that "The Untouchables" series does not tell the truth?

We repeat that we, from the very beginning of our campaign, have persisted in the theme that our objection to "The Untouchables" was based primarily on the fact that it tampered with history. And that they have brainwashed millions of TV viewers into believing the worst about men and women of Italian origin.

Once again we want to stress that the Order has never officially protested against "The Untouchables" series as a whole.

Rather we adopted the realistic approach that some things concerned with the criminal element in this country have become part and parcel of the American scene, and because of this we had no case. We objected strenuously to that program in the series called "The Noise of Death." We based our objections on the fact that this particular program slandered and libeled millions of law-abiding American citizens with Italian roots.

We did this because "The Noise of Death" tampered with the truth. And when the American Broadcasting Company and the sponsors of this particular program refused to eliminate it from the series, the Order instituted its lawful boycott.

This boycott still holds and is aimed solely at those sponsors who financially supported the showing of "The Noise of Death."

### Sponsors

And these sponsors are Luden's Cough Drops, Armour and Co., Johnson and Johnson, and Tums.

In the light of the announcement that certain programs in the series will be repeated, it may be necessary for the Order to reassess its position concerning "The Untouchables" as a whole. But we will do nothing until such time as we have more definite information.

ERCOLE TRADITI  
VenerableOssining Lodge  
Holds Mardi Gras

OSSINING, N. Y. — More than 200 members and friends of Christopher Columbus Lodge No. 692 attended the 22nd annual Mardi Gras.

Ercole Traditi, venerable, was in charge of arrangements. The committee, Frank Fransese, chairman; John Parroglini, Gue-rino Diloreto, Serafino Frattiasmi, Alfonso Presutti, Gia Martinelli, Lino Martinelli, Maria Presutti, Elvira Frattiasmi, Sarah Parroglini and Albino Dileo.



## DANCE CO-CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Frank Vatalaro, forward, and Miss Antoinette Daly, were co-chairmen of the mardi gras dance sponsored by Adelade Cairoli Lodge in Utica, N. Y.

Sardella  
Ameritan  
Recipient

BALTIMORE, Md. — The Grand Lodge of Maryland has named Guy V. Sardella, Baltimore's Italian radio program announcer, as recipient of its Ameritan of the Year award for 1960.

The announcement was made by Ex-Grand Venerable Vito A. Marino, general chairman of the Ameritan award committee.

The honorary title "Ameritan" identifies an American (amer) of Italian ancestry (itan) who has distinguished himself to duty, outstanding service to the community in general and the Italian-American group in particular, or other achievements benefiting mankind.

Brother Sardella, who is Grand Recording Secretary of the Maryland Order, will be presented the award at a dinner-dance to be held April 30 at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel.

The recipient is a reporter and correspondent for "Il Progresso Italo-American" of New York City. He was presented the Star of Solidarity medal in 1958 by the Republic of Italy in recognition of his work to promote friendly ties between the United States and Italy.

Mardi Gras  
Dinner-Dance  
At Utica, N. Y.

UTICA, N. Y. — A large gathering attended the Mardi Gras dinner-dance sponsored by Adelade Cairoli Lodge No. 294 at the Hotel Hamilton.

Guests were Second Assistant Supreme Venerable and Mrs. Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady; Grand Trustee Stephen DiGiorgio, Schenectady; Mayor and Mrs. Dulan, Grand Trustee Mrs. Louis Mirabelli, Russell Bianco, venerable of Utica Lodge No. 2054, and Mrs. Bianco, Mrs. Joseph Bianco, Mrs. Rose Labello, charter members; Mrs. Vincent Mazzei and Mrs. Esther Perry.

Miss Antoinette Daly and Mrs. Frank Vatalaro were co-chairmen. The committee, Mrs. Mirabelli, Mrs. Louis Clemente, Mrs. Joseph Zambino, Mrs. Leo Lia, Mrs. Anthony Longeretta, Mrs. John DeFazio, Mrs. Dick Clemente, Mrs. Joseph Bifano, Mrs. Eugene Bonacci and Mrs. Dick Rosato.



DR. F. JOHN ROSSI

Utica Doctor  
Dead at 85

UTICA, N. Y. — Dr. F. John Rossi, 85, a member of the Order for many years and the first Italian-American physician in Utica, died at his home.

Born in Rovito, Italy, he came to this country in 1902. He was graduated from the University of Naples and had previously completed a course at the University of Florence.

Dr. Rossi first practiced in Pennsylvania among camps of railroad construction workers. After passing the New York State Medical Board exams he practiced among the construction workers on the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad before coming to Utica.

He began practice here in 1904. Specializing in obstetrics, he had delivered more than 2,500 babies.

In 1933 he was honored at a testimonial dinner in recognition of his leadership among the Italian born people of Utica.

Dr. Rossi was formerly on the Faxton Hospital staff, and for a time was president of the old General Hospital. Before retiring, he was associated with the staffs of St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth's hospitals. He had also served as president of the Oneida County Medical Society.

Dr. Rossi was a member of the national, state and county medical associations, the National College of Surgeons and the Utica Academy of Medicine. For years he was a member of the Utica Branch of the Foreign Policy Association and the Order Sons of Italy in America.

## RIESSEL

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wide combine — "the criminal syndicate."

He said the syndicate is composed of every human element, that no one nationality is to be condemned or associated with it.

"We shouldn't identify the criminal syndicate with one nationality," he said.

The criminal syndicate, he said, is made up of persons, nationality lines to the contrary, who band together for mutual interest in crime and corruption.

He said further that a criminal syndicate is a "combine having as its byword silence or death, and which uses preventive war to keep the combine protected."

Riesel charged that the underworld or syndicate in this country is a "second government," which represents nothing less than "American fascism."

He warned that America is at a point where "the right turn must be made or the gangster society will result."

Northwest  
Lodge  
Elections

Six lodges of the Northwest Order recently held elections for the 1960 term.

## Seattle

## FEDELE LODGE

Feele Lodge No. 1469, Gladys Jackson, venerable; Jo Donohue, assistant venerable; Marilyn Richichi, recording secretary; Fannie Mastro, financial secretary; Lucy Colello, treasurer; Elizabeth Brancia, orator; Jo McDonnell, Evelyn Santora, Carmela Buono, Claryce Grossi, Betty Jean Kost, trustees; Rose Santora and Rose McGerry, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Parente, guard.

## Tacoma

## TACOMA LODGE

Tacoma Lodge No. 1175; Louis Biscaglia, venerable; Joseph Se-creto, assistant venerable; Wil-liam Dippolito, ex-venerable; Michael Rivisto, orator; Frank Aquino, recording secretary; Richard Nelson, financial secretary; James Aquino, treasurer; Vito Lanza and Borda, masters of ceremony; Mazza, sentinel.

## RENTON LODGE

Renton Lodge No. 1967, Michael Yellam, venerable; Bruno Carossino, orator; Mary Soccolo, recording secretary; Louisa Bari, financial secretary; Anne Popovich, treasurer; Milo Balzarin, Violet DiPietro, Anthony Genzale, Carlo Prandi, Anne Ganzale, trustees; Irene Vacca and Lena Verde, masters of ceremony; John Ortonovi, sentinel.

## VIRTUS LODGE

Virtus Lodge No. 1243, Mary Volpe, venerable; Caroline Turco, assistant venerable; Afien Lupo, orator; Helen Harkness, financial secretary; Rosalie Borda, treasurer; Rose Bergstrom, Anna Mae Palmer, Frances Lombardo, Agnes Panico, Sylvia Secreto, trustees; Katherine Felice and Mary Simone, masters of ceremony; Mollie Tassotti, sentinel.

## Yakima

## YAKIMA LODGE

Yakima Lodge No. 1963, Al Maletta, venerable; Gloria Salatino, assistant venerable; Philip Salatino, ex-venerable; Carlo Bruno, orator; Edith Salatino, recording secretary; Yolanda Maletta, financial secretary; Joe Picatti, treasurer; Prudence Magistrale, James DeFazio, Rose Luppino, Michael Deligio, Felice Ciccone, trustees; Vincent Luppino and George Picatti, sentinel.

## WASHINGTON LODGE

Washington Lodge No. 1504, Josephine Seghetti, venerable; Annie Patch, assistant venerable; William Franklin, orator; Josephine Ives, financial secretary; Virginia Guarisco, recording secretary; Annette Boni, treasurer; Paul Frucci, Nick Jamone, Charles Brunello, Julius Seghetti, Lucy Triano, trustees; Rose Vingo and Catherine Mazza, masters of ceremony; Sister Martello, sentinel.

Liberate Lodge  
Notes 41st Birthday  
At Greenville, Pa.

GREENVILLE, Pa. — A large gathering of members and friends attended the 41st anniversary celebration of Trento e Trieste Liberate Lodge held at the Italian Home. Domenico Guerrini and Pietro DiLaurentis, lodge founders, were honored.

Trifone Macchia,  
Grand Trustee,  
Dies in Everett

EVERETT, Wash. — Grand Trustee Trifone Macchia, 64, a veteran member of the Northwest Order, died recently following a brief illness.

Brother Macchia was born in Bari, Italy, January 23, 1895, and had been a resident of Everett for the past 33 years.

In 1937 he was one of the principal founders of the Everett Lodge No. 1829. He served the lodge as venerable, orator, treasurer and trustee.

He was elected grand trustee at the 1946 grand convention held in Portland, Oregon. He was re-elected to the office in 1953 and again in 1959. He had also served as Grand Deputy for Seattle Lodge No. 1390.

A retired foreman of the Great Northern Railway, Brother Macchia had owned and operated the International Food store here from 1931 to 1953.

He leaves his wife, Antonette; one daughter, Mrs. Louis Borda of Seattle; a brother, Roy Macchia of Seattle, and five grandchildren.

## Quebec Grand Lodge

D'Errico Elected  
Grand Venerable

MONTREAL, Que. — Gustavo D'Errico, Montreal, has been elected Grand Venerable of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Other Grand Lodge officers are, Assistant Grand Venerable Enrico Pasquale, Outremont; Grand Orator Angelo Bellemo, Ile Bigras; Grand Recording Secretary Luigi Marandola, Montreal; Grand Financial Secretary Giovanni Cattapan, Montreal; Grand Treasurer Antonio Intini, Outremont; Grand Trustees; Antonio Nobile, Vincenzo Massone, Roberto Amadori, Emilia Russo, and Serafina Delle Donne, all of Montreal.

Nicotera Heads  
Roma Lodge  
At Racine, Wis.

RACINE, Wis. — Ralph Nicotera Jr., has been named venerable of Roma Lodge No. 1196.

Other officers are Russell Miseri, assistant venerable; Frank Romano, ex-venerable; Lawrence Presta, orator; Stanley Litrenta, recording secretary; Frank Centrano, financial secretary; Ralph Mazzei, treasurer; Joseph Fazzari, Ralph Nicotera Sr., Santo DeRose, Joseph Arnone and Edward Domanico, trustees.

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# Highlights of Errigo's Talk At Philadelphia Banquet

Here are the highlights of a talk given by Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., in Philadelphia recently during the two-day session of the Pennsylvania Grand Council.

"The United States is a breeding place for criminals. As Americans we must face the fact that the criminals who have been deported to Italy and to other nations did not come from those respective nations. While it may be true that they were born in those nations, most of them were brought here as youngsters and some of them came here as young men. A few of them came here as adults, but no matter what their age when they came here they were not criminals when they arrived. They became criminals many years after their arrival. They are criminals because our American way of life made it possible.

"As Americans we must recognize the fact that Italy is not a nation of criminals. Italy's crime rate is considerably lower than our own. I have said that our American way of life makes crime possible. What do I mean by that statement? I'll tell you.

#### Gun Important Equipment

"Any student of American history knows that a gun is an important household equipment for most Americans. During colonial times it was necessary for our people to carry guns even when they went to church. It was the gun that pushed the frontier to the Pacific. Justice at the point of a gun became the usual thing in early American towns and cities, and as the nation grew larger and stronger, every man and many women and boys carried a gun — just for protection in case of necessity.

"Eventually, hunting became a hobby with most Americans — especially the male of the species. It is normal procedure for every American boy to know how to use a gun — especially in the rural sections of our nation. Although I was born in Philadelphia because of an accident I was raised in a rural section in Delaware. I grew up as a farmer and prior to my marriage in 1938 I lived for 35 years next to the soil. When I



Joseph A. L. Errigo, Supreme Recording Secretary, as he spoke before members of the Pennsylvania Grand Council at a banquet held in the Sons of Italy building in Philadelphia.

was only 8 years old I could use a gun and as I grew older I became an expert in using a gun, but I didn't go around killing people. I killed animals — many of them.

"In this country it never has been difficult for anyone to buy a gun. A gun is available anywhere for the asking if you have the price.

"Crime has been glorified in our books, magazines, and

newspapers. It has been glorified on the screen, on radio, and on TV. Men, women and children with weak minds and strong backs have been impressed and tempted. For such people it was easier for them to be a criminal than it was to lead a clean life.

#### Deplores Prejudice

"Today there are unscrupulous persons in high places prompted by prejudice who like to believe and who attempt to persuade others to believe that the Italians in America are all criminals. They prefer to overlook the great contributions that our people have made in every phase of American life and they make their attack in an underhanded manner. In the first place they use the word Mafia as if it meant Italian and in the second place they blame all American unsolved crime on the Mafia. Thus it follows that the Italian in our great country is a criminal. You and I have been branded criminals by these unscrupulous individuals, but we know that they will not succeed in their dastardly attack. Most Americans believe in fair play. Through a positive, affirmative approach such as outlined by our splendid Public Relations Committee at Providence, R. I., the Sons of Italy can go forth as Americans and fight this evil among us. The important factor for all of us is that we must have faith — faith in each other, faith in our fellow citizens, faith in our country, and faith in God. If we have this kind of faith, I know that we will not fail."



#### MT. PLEASANT, PA. MARDI GRAS

Jack Nelson and Mrs. Harry Woods, seated, were selected king and queen of the 4th annual Mardi Gras sponsored by Sons of Italy Ladies' Lodge No. 1567 of Mt. Pleasant. Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto and Mrs. Laura Cernuto, chairman of the decorations committee, officiate at crowning ceremonies. More than 300 persons attended the event.



Miss Tristine Tesauro, left, general chairman, and Mrs. Mary Miele, co-chairman of decorations of Mardi Gras at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

#### Pennsylvania Purchases \$5,000 State of Israel Bond

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Grand Council demonstrated its friendship and faith in the future of the State of Israel through the purchase of a \$5000 Israel government bond.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, presented the check to Meyer Feinstein, chairman of the Philadelphia Committee, State of Israel Bonds. Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo also participated in the ceremony.

#### Pennsylvania

#### 2 Receive Service Awards

PHILADELPHIA — President Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, and Gov. David L. Lawrence were the 1960 recipients of the Distinguished Service award of the Lt. Maxwell McKeen Brown Post of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

More than 600 persons attended the organization's annual dinner held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

Judge Leo Weinrott was general chairman, and Atty. Nicholas A. Cipriani, Grand Orator, was co-chairman.

Among the guests were Su-

preme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese; Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo; Joseph A. Valeo, president of the Hospitalization Fund; John P. Crisconi, commissioner of the Delaware River Port Authority and state chairman of the National Memorial Home fund drive, Mrs. Crisconi; Mary Vallaro, Philadelphia Councilman-at-large; Lt. Gov. John Morgan Davis; Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Sloane; U.S. Rep. William J. Green, and Clerk of Courts Louis J. Amarando.

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ternal and civic organizations have established headquarters in Washington.

The national chairman said the \$400,000 goal for the Memorial Home "should not be difficult for us to achieve, with the millions of Italian Americans in this country."

##### "Dream of Order"

"This has been a dream of the Order for some years," he said. "We already have the lot to build on, and a preliminary design, combining Italian renaissance and the modern. All we need now is the money."

Supreme Recording Secretary Errigo called the use of the word "Mafia" a "dastardly attack" on

all Americans of Italian extraction. He stated:

"If they are afraid to say Italian, or to use Italian names for criminals, they say 'Mafia.' This is the same thing. By saying 'Mafia,' they are saying crime is controlled by Italian Americans. This is a dastardly attack and it is not warranted at all."

Other speakers were Dr. Edgardo Sogno Rata del Vallino, Italian consul general in Philadelphia; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi and Commissioner John P. Crisconi, of the Delaware River Port Authority, who is state chairman for the Memorial Home fund drive.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese was toastmaster. He was introduced by Venerable Armand Della Porta, assistant district attorney, and chairman of the Venerables Committee.

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of Custodes Pacis Lodge and chairman of the Venerables Committee of Philadelphia, announced that members of his lodge would give \$500 to the home fund.

#### Oswego, N. Y. Lodge Members Raise \$541.50

OSWEGO, N. Y. — Members of Dante Alighieri Lodge No. 436 have raised \$541.50 for the Sons of Italy Foundation and National Memorial Home fund drive.

Grand Trustee Biagio Genovese, reporting on the lodge's campaign, gave the following breakdown on the money raised: 17 members contributed \$10 each; 47 members contributed \$5 each, and 69 members contributed from \$1 to \$3 each.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD ORDER'S NATIONAL MEMORIAL HOME

To National Chairman John A. Volpe:

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#### OPERA STAR ARRIVES FOR 'MET' ENGAGEMENT

Renata Tebaldi, the opera star, is shown with her pet poodle, New, upon her arrival in New York for an engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House. This is the soprano's first appearance in the United States since her triumphant return to the La Scala last December. Her pet dog's name comes from the fact that it was born in New Jersey. Two of Miss Tebaldi's latest recordings for London—*Tosca* and *La Boheme* are reviewed by OSIA NEWS this month.

### THE ITALIAN SCENE

From the files of Centro per Giornalisti Esteri, Rome, Italy.

#### Roberto Guidi

Under the shadow-name of Roberto Guidi, an Italian diplomat has authored an essay on the "Political Consequences of the Atomic Bomb," (published by the Rivista di studi Politici Internazionali) which is being thoughtfully read in many knowledgeable circles.

Chancellories used to move their nation's fleets and stage big military exercises as a means of throwing their weight around and putting the sinews of threat into their policies. Now this has been replaced by a couple of atom-bomb tests, or a rocket to the moon.

Everything is changed, Guidi points out, even if everything looks the same. Ordinary nations continue to talk about their territories, their populations, their armies and navies; they continue to propose and accept alliances and jostle for position. But they are moving in a phantom world, a world of the past. The real world is that of the powers, (two for the moment) who can threaten each other with utter destruction. Actually even they do not need to destroy each other, but merely to destroy each other's nuclear power to own the world. In theory, the supreme world power could be one with little or no population, and little or no territory — but with the atom bomb at its sole disposal.

#### Author Is Dead

A writer who spent the best part of his life turning out short stories and novels, and who finally found his true vocation in middle age when he turned his pen to biographies, has passed away in Milan.

Michele Saponaro was 74 when he died in the city where he had

made his home ever since he journeyed north from his native Puglia as a young librarian at Brera. Between 1914 and 1938 Saponaro authored fully 20 books of fiction which were workman-like, but never outstanding.

Then, in his mid-fifties he set his hand to writing the life of Ugo Foscolo. It was still a clumsy biography, overburdened with citations, but readable. His "Leopardi," "Carducci," "Mazzini," "Michelangelo" and "Christ" followed. They were and have remained excellent.

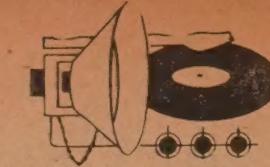
Written for the general public, these "lives" received the plaudits of scholars for their sharp insight plus that loving touch which, without hiding the faults of a man, brings his earthly course into the sympathetic understanding of the reader. Saponaro the novelist has already been forgotten. But Saponaro the biographer will be read and re-read.

#### Tire Invention

An invention which might easily revolutionize the tire industry the world over was presented by Pirelli, the biggest Italian rubber firm, at the latest "Salone dell'Automobile" in Turin; namely, a removable and replaceable tire-tread.

The new Pirelli tire consists of a rubber tire frame with a flat rubber surface from which ridges stick out, and of three tread-rings which are slipped on to the deflated tire, one after another, until they form one entire tread surface. Once the tire is inflated, the ridges hold the rings on.

Advantages: a tire can be virtually renewed by merely changing the rings. But more important in cold countries; tread-rings deeply indented for snow can be substituted for ordinary ones after a snowfall.



## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Two of Puccini's most delightful operas—*TOSCA* and *LA BOHEME* are among the new stereo recordings. Both are on the London label and each is distinguished by excellent singing and first-rate conducting.

The singers include top opera stars. In *TOSCA* Renata Tebaldi sings the title role. Mario del Monaco is Cavaradossi and George London sings the role of Scarpia.

Tebaldi makes the most of her role. She is in beautiful voice, particularly in the aria, "Vissi d'arte." Del Monaco is a lusty Cavaradossi and London is a powerful Scarpia.

Francesco Molinari - Pradelli conducts the Orchestra and Chorus of the Accademia Santa Cecilia of Rome. The opera is on two records.

Tebaldi is also featured in the recording of *LA BOHEME*. This is also on two records. The cast includes such familiar names as Carlo Bergonzi, Ettore Bastianini, Cesare Siepi and Fernando Corena. Musetta is sung by a young American soprano, Gianna d'Angelo.

Tullio Serafin conducts the Santa Cecilia orchestra and chorus.

The sound of both these opera recordings is done in the best of London tradition.

#### Trapp Family Singers

One of the most charming recordings we have heard in some time is the Warner Bros. release featuring the Trapp Family Singers in the Rodgers and Hammerstein production *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*, the Broadway musical based on the life of the Trapp Family.

Father Wasner conducts the Trapp Family in a choice selection of songs from the Broadway musical. The singing and the musical background makes this recording quite easy to take.

Another Warner Bros. release easy to take is the album, *BING & SING ALONG*. This album features 33 song hits with the one and only Bing Crosby leading a group of singers through such favorites as *I Love You Truly*, *Toot, Toot, Tootsie*, *When I Grow Too Old to Dream*, *A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight*, *You Were Meant For Me*, *Aura Lee*, *On the Banks of the Wabash*, *The Bowery*, *On the Road to Mandalay*, *I Was Seeing Nellie Home* and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.

The album includes a copy of the lyrics. The orchestral arrangements are by Bob Thompson. The chorus and orchestra is conducted by Jack Halloran.

The recording is in conventional hi-fi.

#### And Another 'Pines'

And now another recording of the fabulous *THE PINES OF ROME*. This latest release is in stereo and out of the London hopper. One of Italy's shining lights in modern times—Ottorino Respighi—is responsible for the composition of *THE PINES OF ROME* and since 1924 when it was first introduced in Italy, *THE PINES OF ROME* has become a "must" for most conductors.

Fernando Previtali conducts

the Orchestra of the Accademia Di Santa Cecilia of Rome and his interpretation is highly descriptive of the beauties of Rome.

On side two of this album is a recording of another so-called modern Italian composer—Casella's *LA GIARA* (the jar). This was also composed in the same year Respighi presented his excellent *THE PINES OF ROME*.

The sound for both recordings is realistic and with great depth in stereo effect.

#### The Sleeping Beauty

Tchaikovsky's *THE SLEEPING BEAUTY* recorded in stereo by London is a polished gem, both musically and sonically. The ballet (on three discs) is virtually complete, the only omission is the brief "Entr'acte" between the two scenes of Act II. We doubt any listener will find a better *SLEEPING BEAUTY* recording than this one. And in no small measure this is due to the consummate artistry of Ernest Ansermet who conducts the celebrated L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. Ansermet's reading is restrained in the lyrical sections, and quite dramatic in the passages that call for that sort of treatment.

#### Solti's "No. 3"

With the recording of *BETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO. 3, IN E FLAT OPUS 55* (Eroica) Georg Solti has committed to stereo three of Beethoven's symphonies for London.

Last month this column reviewed the other Solti releases—the fifth and seventh symphonies. Solti is expected to complete all of the nine Beethoven symphonies sometime this year.

Exceptional is the word for Solti's recording of Beethoven's Eroica. Obviously Solti and the London Philharmonic Orchestra go together. The playing is outstanding and the sound quite effective. It's all quite realistic.

A distinguished addition to the ever-growing list of recordings of the Beethoven "nine."

#### Stereo At Its Best

If you want to hear stereo at its best then by all means make it your business to get the London recording, *ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA* by Richard Strauss. We have not heard a finer display of depth and breadth of dimensional sound. Herbert van Karajan is the conductor which undoubtedly accounts for the splendid performance by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

There is a violin solo by Willi Boskavsky that certainly adds lustre to this album.

Especially effective is "The Song of the Night Wanderer" and the mystical and controversial conclusion.

A superb recording.

## CAPSULE REVIEWS

CONNIE FRANCIS SINGS ITALIAN FAVORITES (MGM) ordinarily would find favor with many, but somehow it lacks the necessary zip to put it over. The vocalist — Connie Francis nee Francinero — sings each of the selections half in English, half in Italian. She makes the hurdles in such ballads as *Non Dimenticar*, but her rendition of *Volare* and *Mama* leaves much to be desired.

PIPE ORGAN FAVORITES IN STEREO features D. J. Rees at the organ. The sound is London's finest, but the organ itself is quite on the "churchish" side, which seems to detract from Organist Rees' performance. Handel's *Largo* and Bach's *Come, Blessed Rest*, are among the selections.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BAND OF THE GRENADE GUARDS will certainly please most audiophiles. This album (London) offers a wide variety of selections such as *Colonel Bogey*, *Swedish Rhapsody*, *Waltzing Matilda*, *76 Trombones*, *When the Saints Go Marching In*, *Viva Mexico* and *It's A Long, Long Way To Tipperary*.

POP HITS FROM THE CLASSICS is the latest Ted Heath release from London. Makes for good listening. It's an intriguing collection of some of the best known classics done in modern style. There's, for example, *Stranger in Paradise* taken from Borodin's *Prince Igor*; *Till the End of Time*, from Chopin's *Polonaise*, *Moon Love* from Tchaikovsky's *Fifth Symphony* and *The Can Can* by Offenbach.

Nicely done and the sound is first-rate.

Puccini's *GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST*. An Angel release. Excellent production. La Scala Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Lovo von Matacic. Birgit Nilsson sings Minnie, the saloon-keeper; Foao Gibin, the bandit, Dick Johnson; and Andrea Mongelli, the sheriff, Jack Rance.

FOUR ITALIAN SONATAS. Nathan Milstein, violinist, and Leon Pommers, pianist. The emphasis here is the violinist's playing. Milstein provides beautiful tonal quality in his playing of Tartini's *The Devil's Trill*; Corelli's *La Follia*; Vivaldi's *Sonata in A Major*; and Geminiani's *Sonata in A Major*.

The recording is very good. It's on Capitol label.

L'UCCELLINO D'ORO, the complete opera by Riccardo Zandonai on Westminster label. Silvio de Florian conducts the Angelicum Orchestra and Chorus of Milan. The cast of singers does a competent job, but the recording is not up to today's standards.

ITALIAN STREET SINGER. This is an Audio-Fidelity release featuring the singing of Val Valentini. Dick Dia conducts the orchestra and also plays the mandolin in support of Valentini. There are a dozen or so favorites including operatic arias. Valentini has a nice tenor voice and is especially effective with his rendition of Italian popular songs.

# Lettera Aperta ai Componenti dell' Ordine

Sig/r Supremo Venerabile  
Grandi Venerabili, e Membri  
United States & Canada  
Gent/mo Sig/r Supremo

Venerabile:

Ormai dovrebbe essere chiaro, anche ai piu' increduli, che il futuro, non solo dell'Ordine Figli d'Italia, ma di tutte le organizzazioni italiane dipende, esclusivamente, dalla conoscenza della lingua, della cultura, della psicologia e della tradizione italiana. La campagna per nuovi membri deve essere esaminata sotto nuovi aspetti e considerazioni. Gli italo-americani debbono riconquistare se stessi, e cosi, l'orgoglio ed il prestigio della loro origine. Altrimenti il grido di tutte le societa' per nuovi membri—come la voce del caravaniere — si perdera' nel deserto dell'indifferenza. Dal primo 1900 ad oggi le cose son cambiate. Dal piroscalo si e' passati all'aeroplano con propulsione ad elica, e quindi, al jet. Passano oggi, alla gara per la conquista dello spazio e dei viaggi interplanetari. Cosi, e' cambiata anche la mentalita' e le esigenze individuali e collettive dei popoli. Esigenze che impegnano ogni aspetto della vita sociale, morale e intellettuale.

Ieri i nostri padri venendo in un mondo sconosciuto, era naturale che le memorie del loro paese natale occupassero i loro cuori e le loro menti. Li vi avevano trescorso tutta la loro giovinezza, vi avevano lasciato i ricordi piu' cari: la mamma adorata, il babbo, tutti i loro parenti, la dolce chiesetta della loro infanzia ed in molti casi, e perche' no, anche il loro primo amore. Queste ragione erano piu' che sufficienti perche' formassero delle societa' per potersi sentire piu' vicini alla loro tradizione e difendersi dall'incomprensione dei molti.

La nuova generazione vive in condizioni completamente diverse. Loro son nati qui, e non hanno nessun addenellato col vecchio mondo. Qui hanno tutti i loro cari, e qui, sono rilegati tutte le loro memorie. In molti casi detestano l'Italia perche' i nostri padri, sfortunatamente, venendo in questa meravigliosa terra del loro piccolo paese di montagna, hanno identificato tutta l'Italia coi loro romiti casolari. Presentandola come una terra di trovatori, di pezzenti e di malfattori.

Oggi il nostro compito piu' imperativo e' quello di far sì che i giovani di origine italiana, e non soltanto loro, scoprono ed apprezzino il vero volto d'Italia. Ordine Figli D'Italia, lingua e cultura italiana debbono essere considerati come un'entita' immanente. Avremo un Ordine sano e prospero se avremo un programma educativo sano e prospero. Facciamo sentire ai giovani l'orgoglio d'essere eredi legittimi di quella terra che fu, e, e sara' madre prolifico d'eroli, di santi, di seleni, d'artisti, di guerrieri, e di legislatori che hanno lasciato e lasceranno orme incancellabili in ogni angolo della terra.

Anche qui come riporta Drew Pearson nel Corriere di Washington: "La nostra storia e' piena di contributi dati dagli italo-americani. Fu un italiano che si chiamava Philip Mazzei che ispirò a Thomas Jefferson le parole che figurano nella Dichiarazione d'Indipendenza che 'tutti gli uomini sono uguali'. Un altro italo-americano William Paca,

ebbe l'onore di firmare la Dichiarazione d'Indipendenza e fu il terzo governatore del Maryland. Fu Francis Vigo che finanziò George Rogers e marciò con lui verso il Nord-West. Bancroft H. Gherardi fu Comandante in capo della Squadra Navale del Nord Atlantico durante la guerra civile. Il Conte Luigi di Cesnola, della Cavalleria Newyorkese, in quella stessa guerra, venne decorato della Medaglia d'Onore del Congresso. Fu Angelo Del Campo, che fornì i principi base per i protetti d'artiglieria atomica", e la lista dei nomi potrebbe continuare all'infinito.

Attraverso la lingua noi possiamo guidare i nostri giovani alla scoperta dell'Italia, di un'Italia differente da quella presentata loro da incompetenti delle cose italiane, ed introdurli al meglio che l'Italia ci offre in musica, letteratura, ed ideali letterari. La conquista della lingua e' sinonimo di ammirazione e comprensione. Questo problema richiede tempo, molto tempo. Per questo bisogna cominciare subito e con grande serietà. Se franco-americani, spano-americani, etc, hanno dozzine di scuole di ogni grado, dove si da' enfasi alla lingua ed alla cultura dei loro paesi, anche noi, possiamo e' dobbiamo fare lo stesso. Mi si risponderà' cio' richiede soldi e tempo. Certamente! Roma non e' stata fabbricata in un giorno. Cio' che conta e' cominciare.

Intraprendiamo una massiva propaganda per raccogliere fondi da essere devoluti esclusivamente per la costruzione di scuole. Gruppi di Stati confinanti potrebbero associarsi nel costruire un centro scolastico. Si potrebbe cominciare con una scuola secondaria e poi, fra dieci o venti anni cominciare la costruzione di un collegio. Studiare la possibilità di associarsi a qualche piccola scuola, formando cosi' la pedana di lancio per la costruzione di un grande centro di cultura italiana.

Una tale realizzazione potrebbe avere immediato inizio a Washington. La costruzione della Casa Italiana di Washington dovrebbe rappresentare qualche cosa di piu' dignitoso, di piu' nobile, qualcosa di piu' grande significato etico-morale, culturale, spirituale, psicologico e, storico. Tale Casa dovrebbe essere parte integrale, o meglio, dovrebbe essere annessa ad una scuola italiana, a cui tutti gli italiani potranno veramente guardare con orgoglio. Soltanto allora, i padri avranno qualcosa da dire ai loro figli. Soltanto allora il nome d'Italia suonera' con orgoglio alle orecchie dei nostri giovani. Solo allora udiremo dai nostri piccoli cari ripetere con ammirazione: "Mio padre mi ha promesso che se finiro' l'elementare con onore, potrò sperare di completare le seconde alla Scuola Italiana di Washington . . . ed ha detto pure che presto altre scuole veranno costruite in altri Stati dell'Unione."

Quello Sig/r Supremo Venerabile, sara' il piu' grande giorno nella storia degli italo-americani. Quel giorno potra' divenire realtà in ogni momento se Voi lo vorrete. Se la Supreme convenzione ha già votato una prima edizione della Cassa Italiana, son certo, che la prossima Convenzione, sara' felice di votare un emendamento

## Would Establish Italian Schools

Teaching of Italian language in schools in this country has always been of great interest to members of the Order and because of this interest we are publishing an open letter to members of the Order by Dr. Salvatore Sciarro, of South Barre, Mass.

In his letter Dr. Sciarro suggests, among other things, that the Order establish an Italian school at the proposed National Home in Washington, D.C.

in favore della costruzione di una scuola con annessa la Casa Italiana. Se cosi' farete, son certo che facoltosi italiani in tutta l'America saranno lieti di investire cio' che sara' loro possibile, verso il rispetto e il prestigio del loro nome et il futuro dei loro figli. (Questo e' uno dei migliori investimenti.)

Sig/r Gorrasi, fate sì che il vostro nome non sia scritto fra "color- che visser senza infamia e senza lodo." Fate sì che il vostro nome non affondi nella "morta gora," ma venga tramandato ai posteri come un'aureola di leggenda. Fate che i nonni dicano ai loro nipotini: Un giorno lontano lontano, "quando lo sport del giorno era quello di prendere in giro gli italiani" e sul "Channel 5" con le rappresentazioni degli "Untouchables" s'incangava il nome d'Italia e degli italiani con lo scopo evidente di nuocere anche alle relazioni fra i due paesi, c'era un uomo dal grande cuore. Ergendosi dalla "cintola in su" schiero' sul campo dell'onore e dell'umana dignità una piccola, ma gloriosa schiera di scuole, i cui potenti missili della cultura italiana atterraron per sempre i volgari denigratori d'Italia e dei Suoi illustri figli.

Suonate la Diana della riscossa. Iniziate la marcia, Iddio stesso, e preghiere di tutti gli italiani, e degli uomini di buona volontà vi seguiranno. Sventolate la fiamma della civiltà occidentale e dell'onore; innalzate ai cieli con Orazio il millennario Inno a Roma, e marciamo compatti alla riconquista della dignità dell'Italia gente e del futuro dei nostri figli.

## Pittsburgh

### 200 Attend Italia Lodge Dinner-Dance

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — More than 200 persons attended the 21st anniversary dinner-dance sponsored by Nuova Bella Italia Lodge No. 624.

Grand Deputy Luigi Mazza, representing Grand Venerable Eugene V. Alessandroni, was principal speaker.

Other speakers included Gina Caruso, lodge venerable since 1939, and Mary Cercone, financial secretary, who was general chairman. Atty. Donald D. Mongone was toastmaster.

The committee, Angelina Roberts, co-chairman; Ann DeMarco, Elizabeth Ritchie, Rose Lombardozzi, Margaret LeDonne, Michael Tramonte, Minnie Liberatore, Patsy Liberatore, Joseph D'Uullo, Mary DiSabato and Ann Coco.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Salvatore Sciarro, a member of the Order in Barre, Mass., is an Italian instructor at Clinton High School. Brother Sciarro was born at Messina, Sicily in 1912. He was educated in the primary schools and was graduated from the Instituto Magistrale of Messina in 1935. He continued his studies at the University of Messina in 1936 and was interrupted for army service followed by service in World War II. He resumed his studies soon after the war and in 1947 received his doctorate in education. He was an elementary school instructor before coming to the United States in 1948. He attended several English language courses to overcome the language barrier in order for him to continue his teaching career. Brother Sciarro has been associated with the Clinton school system since 1959.

## Letters From Our Readers

# IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

## NATIONAL INSURANCE SUGGESTION

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I have read the report of Grand Orator Nicholas A. Cipriani the National Insurance system. It seems to me that since an insurance system cannot be established by the Supreme Lodge, it may be possible for the three insurance systems now existing in three different styles to merge in one of such states.

This I think would be beneficial in two ways, namely: economy of operation and avoiding competition, which may very well spring up.

Nick Carrino  
Youngstown, Ohio

## Pennsylvania

### Tour to Visit Five Countries

PHILADELPHIA — Ponte Delgada, Lisbon, Barcellona, Rome, Vienna, Lucerne — these are but a few of the famous cities to be visited this summer by members of the 1960 Sons of Italy Cruise-Tour of Europe which is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge.

The 46-day cruise-tour this year will take in some 28 cities and towns of five European countries — Portugal, Spain, Italy, Austria and Switzerland.

The price schedule for the excursion, with all-expenses paid, is \$1,475 for first class accommodations; \$1,100 for cabin class, and \$975 for tourist class.

The tour group will leave New York aboard the Conte Biancomano on July 9.

Stops enroute will be at Bos-

ton, Ponte Delgada in the Azores, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Barcellona and Genoa, before arriving Naples on July 22.

Sightseeing tours are planned for Naples, Genoa, Pompei, Amalfi, Sorrento, Capri, Cassino, Montecassino Abbey; Rome, Villa d'Este, Castel Gandolfo and Papal Audience, Florence, Assisi, St. Francis Cathedral, Venice, Bologna, Milan, Lakes Como and Maggiore, Turin, the Fiat Automobile Works, Pisa, the Italian Riviera di Levante and Grosses.

In Austria: Klagenfurt, Vienna and Salzburg; Switzerland, Zurich and Lucerne.

The tour will end in Naples on August 14 and departure about the Augustus will be August 15, with arrival in New York on August 26.

## Philadelphia

### Custodes Pacis Lodge Banquet

PHILADELPHIA — Custodes Pacis Lodge honored 12 persons at the first anniversary banquet held at Palumbo's. More than 700 persons attended.

The lodge, whose membership includes police, firemen and peace officers, presented its 1960 Award of Excellence to City Council President H. J. Tate for his program of equal opportunity in public service.

Others honored were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sinatra, Hoboken, N. J., parents of singer-actor Frank Sinatra; William Rodstein, operator of Sinatrama, who was presented a gold life-time card of honorary membership into the lodge; Miss Elaine Garofalo, Hero Scholarship Queen of 1959 and

Philadelphia's Miss Fire Prevention Week.

Also, the following members were presented trophies for their work to increase the lodge's membership: State Trooper Angelo Carecchio, Officer Vincent D'Amico, Police Sergeant Anthony Melchiorre, Officer Louis Santamaria, Deputy Sheriff Pat Scarella, Fireman Frank Yannone, Officer Joseph Yannone.

President Judge Adrian Bellamy of Municipal Court, toastmaster. Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese represented the Grand Lodge. Magistrate William A. Cibelli was general chairman. Presentations were made by Venerable Armand Della Porta and Sergeant Melchiorre.

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#### CLEVELAND MEMBER HONORED BY ITALY

Nathan M. Comella, a member and past officer of Imerese Santa Rosalia Lodge No. 952, receives the Republic of Italy's Star of Solidarity medal from DiFrancesco Mezzaluna, Italian consul for Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Comella has been a member of the Order for the past 40 years.

### Campon Deplores Tendency To Stigmatize Italians

Peter T. Campon, a member of the Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge, is making a number of appearances in the eastern part of the country to help the Order's campaign to defend and uphold the good name of Americans of Italian origin.

In his talks he is stressing the cultural and creative accomplishments of the Italian people. Brother Campon deplores the tendency of some people to "look



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down upon people of Italian origin because of the criminal acts of a few."

He spoke before the Rotary Club in Johnson City, N. Y., some 10 miles from Apalachin, the scene of the 1957 police raid.

Referring to the Apalachin affair Brother Campon said:

"Because of the notorious publicity given to a recent gathering of alleged gangsters bearing Italian names, the integrity and loyalty of Americans of Italian ancestry in our country is seriously challenged by hard boiled bigoted citizens."

"Like all families who have 'black sheep' all nationalities have 'black sheep' but we don't condemn a whole family for the misconduct of a few, nor should we condemn a whole nationality for the misdeeds of a few."

"We have made good Americans out of Italians and in most instances did a fine job."

Referring to Christopher Columbus, Campon said:

"Because of that man's broad vision, subsequent exploration, colonization development and progress we are living in a wonderful country — a land broad and fair and free, its unending shores washed by two mighty oceans; its majestic mountains guarding precious treasure; its immense forests yielding the hoarded wealth of centuries; its vast plains a grainery for millions; its deep rivers bearing the fortunes of untold wealth yet

"We think much of our form of government. It is the Roman Senate and Forum. We base our government on the ballot. The ballot came from Italy. We pride ourselves on our common law. It

#### Rhode Island

### 600 Persons Honor Scala At Banquet

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Luigi Scala, Grand Venerable of the Rhode Island Order for the past 23 years, was honored for his contributions to Italo-American culture at a testimonial banquet.

More than

600 persons attended the banquet at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel to hear prominent laymen and clergymen eulogize Grand Venerable Scala in a testimonial which lasted five hours.

Gov. Christopher DelSesto, one of the speakers, said that "if ever anyone deserved recognition for helping Italo-Americans in Rhode Island, it is Luigi Scala."

The governor said, Scala, president of the Columbus National Bank, has made an important contribution to American culture through his efforts to preserve Italian culture in this country with such projects as the Italian reading room at the Providence Public Library and the translation of Italian classics into English.

Superior Court Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, was toastmaster.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Raymond J. Pettine of Providence was master of ceremonies.

Other speakers were Antonio A. Capotosta, retired Supreme Court Justice; Supreme Court Justice Thomas J. Paolino; Dr. Guido Leopizzi, Italian vice consul for Rhode Island; Vincenzo Lentini, president of the Associazione Combattenti Italiani, an organization of Italian veterans of World War I; Antonio Pace and Mrs. Italia Martella.

The invocation was said by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony L. Dimeo, pastor of St. Ann's Church, and the benediction was asked by the Very Rev. Flaminio Parenti, pastor of Holy Ghost Church.

The banquet was sponsored by the lodges of the Rhode Island Order, the Associazione Combattenti Italiani and a number of other Italo-American organizations.

came from Italy, through England. The principles of human freedom, while primarily Greek, were developed largely in Italy."

The speaker then traced Italy's cultural aspects through the various arts and sciences.

Campon said the first seat of Academic learning was founded in Italy. He said also that the Renaissance originated and was developed in Italy.

The great painters of Holland, Flanders, France, Germany and Spain, were taught and inspired by Italians, he said.

He said the fundamentals of medical and surgical science were initiated in Italy and that the institution of the exact sciences was founded in Italy.

Campon also pointed out that music was organized in Italy and that the symphony is a product of Italy.

He said the opera was developed in Italy from the miracle plays of the Middle Ages.

#### Supreme Chaplain's Corner

### RESURRECTION

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

Two of the most important truths of Christianity are based upon the fact of the Resurrection of Christ, namely, (1) that Christ is God, and, (2) that we also shall one day rise from the dead. As St. Paul says: "If Christ be not risen, then our preaching is in vain, and vain is our faith."

The enemies of Christ knew that the Resurrection would have been the most authentic and convincing proof that Christ was indeed God. They did everything possible to discredit His claim that He would rise from the dead. They even surrounded the grave with soldiers who guarded it day and night. Notwithstanding all their precaution, Christ rose, as He said He would. Thus, His enemies became the best witnesses to the miracle of Christ's Resurrection.

Who but God has power over life and death? The prophets and the saints restored dead people to life, but, not by their own power. The power was given them by FR. PALLOTTA God. He who raises himself from the dead must indeed be God, Himself.

In proof of His claim that He was God, Christ offered no other testimony than His Resurrection. Any one of the many other miracles He performed would have been sufficient to establish His Divinity. But He relied entirely upon this one, His Resurrection. "Tell the vision to no man, 'till the Son of man be risen from the dead."

The Resurrection justifies all the claims by Christ. It gives divine authority to all His teachings. It sets the seal of authenticity on all His other miracles. It gives us the conviction we need to follow Him faithfully and to live by His doctrines. It confirms our faith in our own resurrection, because He who said that He would rise from the dead, and actually did so, also said that we too would one day rise from the dead.

"I am the Resurrection and the life: he who believes in Me, although he be dead, shall live."

#### Woburn, Mass.

### Lodge Purchases New Home

WOBURN, Mass. — Members of Woburn Men's Lodge No. 1406, proud that a brother member, Joseph Gorrasi, is Supreme Venerable of the Order, also take pride in another accomplishment — the purchase of a new home.

Final papers were signed recently for the purchase of the Shaker Glen House, a dining establishment for many years here.

The lodge authorized its building corporation, the Shaker Glen Associates, Inc., to negotiate for the purchase.

Representing the lodge and the building corporation were, Venerable Michael Gangi, president;

Anthony Gangi, treasurer, and Daniel J. Sharro, clerk.

The spacious dining facilities and complete household layout, according to lodge officials, afford many opportunities for the renovation and expansion to meet the needs of the Men's Lodge and Ladies' Lodge.

The new quarters, when renovated, will include a large hall, banquet facilities for 175 persons, a television room, a smoking room, recreation areas and business offices for the two lodges.

The lodge, organized in 1928, has started a membership drive in the community.

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